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Backing for Farway school

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"It is imperative that Farway continues to provide a great overspill, as well as a rural and spiritual alternative for Honiton and its local community."

The letter was read out at a packed public meeting, containing pupils, parents, teachers and governors. Those who attended the meeting heard how the school has been in the village for over 100 years and is an outstanding example of a rural school. They were also told that the headteacher, Katie Gray and her staff work hard to ensure that the children receive and excellent education both academically and with wider activities.

The school's governing body, its PTFA, the local diocese, LEA and campaigners had been exploring whether the school would be better to remain in its alliance with Branscombe and Broadhembury primary schools – in what is called the 'Jubilee Federation' – or go it alone.

After a meeting on December 17th it was decided that the Farway would be staying in the federation.

A statement from the school's governors said: "We will need to show that we can attract more pupils and the governors will be meeting early in the new year to develop our strategies and ways forward."

Turk's Head traffic lights to be removed for the holidays

TRAFFIC lights causing delays along Exeter Road and the Turk's Head junction will be removed for the Christmas and New Year period, thanks to the efforts of a small pressure group of local businesses, headed by Richard Harris of Honiton Garage.

David Whitton, Head of Highways at Devon County Council, assured Neil Parish MP that the temporary traffic lights currently in use to allow work to be undertaken on the new roundabout at the junction would be removed. The lights will now be re-installed by Monday, January 4th.

Richard Harris said: "This is welcome news for the people of Honiton as they will be able to shop at Heathpark Industrial Estate and the businesses at Turk's Head without waiting for long periods, and also those heading for Exeter and the coast will not be held up on their journeys."

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ILMINSTER: MP Marcus Fysh is campaigning against the closure of the Barclays Bank branch in the town and has announced the setting up of a petition

AXMINSTER: 'Lollipop' man David Swift has organised a petition to keep the crossing at St Mary's School, gaining hundreds of signatures

HONITON: Father Christmas helped Honiton and District Lions Club celebrate raising more than £10,000 this year for local causes

Quotes of the week...

"There is no doubt the funding formula was a shambles. There was no element of the proposed formula that was fit for purpose."

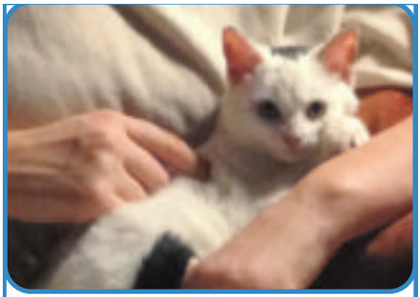
Tony Hogg, Devon and Cornwall's Police and Crime Commissioner, after his office exposed serious errors in police funding calculations, saving the force £15 million next year alone

"If you are looking to a new addition for your family, maybe consider sponsorship of an animal as a Christmas gift and look at adoption once you are back into your usual routine."

Nikki Haddock of Ferne Animal Sanctuary, near Chard, as the centre prepares for the annual influx of unwanted pets after Christmas

"You used to get soaked waiting for the bus up here."

Carole Hale of Underleys in Beer, where passengers are enjoying a new bus shelter provided by the parish council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New Year's Eve Legion gala has been cancelled

A NEW Year's Eve ball in Kilmington has been cancelled because of poor ticket sales.

The ball should have been held at Cranberries Luxury Hideaway, with all proceeds to be shared by military charities the Royal British Legion and Help For Heroes. But the cancellation was announced on Monday December 21st.

Cdr Stafford Seward OBE RN, who is the chairman of the Kilmington RBL branch, said: "Despite fantastic support from local businesses, a lack of ticket sales has left the organisers with no other choice but to cancel."

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FARWAY

Campaigners vow to save village school

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Alix Hamilton, services and outreach co-ordinator at Honiton and Axe Valley Children's Centres, said: "Farway School is a valuable resource for our local families."

OTTERY ST MARY

Developers hit back on Slade Farm plans

BLUE Cedar Homes, the group behind the failed Slade Farm application, has reiterated its commitment to providing specialist retirement and affordable homes in Ottery St Mary.

Blue Cedar are still considering whether or not to appeal following EDDC's decision to decline an outline application, which would have seen up to 26 new affordable homes in the town.

The application, for land off Slade Farm Road, was for up to 52 homes, a proportion of which would be open market age-restricted for the over 55s.

A Blue Cedar spokesman said: "Many people seem to have been left with the impression that there was no commitment on our part to providing affordable homes, or making contributions towards education, open spaces, and the environment."

Blue Cedar Homes statement finished: "East Devon's population is growing older, and house prices in the district are among the least affordable in the South West.

"Our development off Slade Road would provide homes for both the active retired and those who would otherwise be priced out of living in their home town, as well as many thousands of pounds of investment in local infrastructure and the community."

From the editor's chair

The perfect solution...

THERE will be a collective sigh of relief in Seaton that peace has broken out over the ownership of the Town Hall, which is now secured for the future.

Common sense has prevailed and all the interested parties have agreed to a way forward.

East Devon councillor Ian Thomas, who holds the Finance Portfolio at Knowle, brokered the deal which sees the freehold of the hall transferred from EDDC to Seaton Town Council.

The council has agreed to move their offices out of the Town Hall to Marshlands in Harbour Road, formerly owned by the county council, which they have acquired, and a long lease on the Town Hall (with the exception of the part occupied by Seaton Museum) will be given to Seaton's Voice to continue running as an entertainment centre and a venue for community groups.

It would seem to be the perfect solution and Cllr Thomas is to be congratulated for getting the parties together and thrashing out an agreement which will see the Town Hall remaining as the social and community centre of Seaton.

Cllr Thomas has been quick to recognise that the deal has only been possible by the co-operation of all sides. This is good news for Seaton.

Seaton's Voice has done an excellent job in bringing some fabulous entertainment to the town, increasing its profile. Seaton's excellent museum will continue to occupy the building and the town council will end up with office accommodation more in keeping with its current requirement.

● And so another year draws to a close. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our readers and advertisers for their continued support during 2015 and we look forward to bringing you all the news from *Pulman's Country* in 2016.

Happy Christmas to one and all!

PHILIP EVANS

SEATON

Future of town hall is secured

A DEAL that will secure long-term public ownership of Seaton Town Hall has been agreed in principle.

East Devon District Council, Seaton Town Council, Seaton's Voice and Seaton Museum have reached an agreement in principle, which will secure a long-term future for the venue as a public building, beneficial to the local community.

The agreement is based on the transfer of the Freehold interest of Seaton Town Hall from East Devon District Council to Seaton Town Council, without charge.

Seaton Town Council will concurrently agree a long lease on the Town Hall to Seaton's Voice, excluding the current area occupied by the museum.

This will secure the future of the Gateway Entertainment Venue and the use of the hall by community groups.

Seaton Town Council will then relocate from Seaton Town Hall to Marshlands.

Cllr Ian Thomas, Portfolio Holder for Finance at EDDC, concluded: "We now have a solution which I am confident can work well for all concerned.

"Most importantly it can secure a sustainable long-term future for Seaton Town Hall in the community.

AXMINSTER

Setting out vision for Axminster's future

THE Axminster public broadly agrees with Axminster Community Enterprise's (ACE) vision for the town.

ACE officials came to this conclusion after initial analysis of replies to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire.

Questionnaires were delivered to each household in the parish (about 3,000) and 416 replies were received.

As part of the questionnaire, ACE set out a main vision each for Housing, Environment, Town Centre, Economy and Community Infrastructure.

Each of the visions gained approval from more than 300 respondents.

The analysis is not complete, though, as replies to a detailed, separate sub-section for each vision as well as a comments section remain.

Commenting on the number of replies, town councillor and ACE member Graham Godbeer said: "It is about the right response for any public consultation."

His fellow town councillor and ACE member Andrew Moulding echoed his thoughts, and added: "If people are in favour we can move forward."

HONITON

£20,000 stolen from auctioneers

SILVER and jewellery worth £20,000 has been stolen from Chilcotts auctioneers in Honiton.

The burglary took place in the early hours of Friday, December 4th, and investigating officer DC Steve Harrington said two offenders dressed in boiler suits and wearing balaclavas forced the door of the Silver Street saleroom open.

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SOUTH SOMERSET

Strong interest in superfast broadband

INTEREST in tendering for the second phase of the Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) Superfast Broadband programme is strong.

Tendering for the next phase of the programme will start early next year, and more than 30 telecoms companies attended a pre-tender gathering.

Phase two of the CDS programme will take superfast broadband coverage to at least 95 percent.

The event brought together a range of telecoms suppliers and sparked conversations about phase two of the superfast broadband rollout scheme.

Delegates were offered an opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of the project, ahead of the formal invitation to tender in early 2016.

Digital Economy Minister Ed Vaizey commented: "The digital landscape of Devon and Somerset is going through a remarkable change and we have already taken superfast speeds to an additional 200,000 properties.

The CDS programme covers Devon County Council, Somerset County Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, Plymouth City Council, Torbay Council, and North Somerset Council areas.

SIDMOUTH

Battle over parking on pavements

SIDMOUTH and Sidford county councillor Stuart Hughes has reiterated that he will continue to pursue efforts for parking enforcement officers to be granted more powers to deal with obstructive parking.

The efforts come after the House of Commons withdrew a motion for a bill to end parking on pavements.

At a Devon County Council meeting on December 10th, Cllr Hughes expressed his disappointment on behalf of the council at the decision.

Cllr Hughes said: "It's extremely disappointing that this opportunity has been missed. North Dorset MP Simon Hoare, who was the sponsor of the Private Members' Bill presented compelling evidence in favour of the bill.

"He cited research which shows that 70 per cent of those who are blind have, in the past months, collided with a car parked on a pavement, and that 32 per cent feel less confident about going out."

Powers to deal with obstruction of pavement currently rest with the police. In September and October DCC received 68 complaints regarding parking on pavements.

Cheque for festive lunch

AXMINSTER Phoenix Ladies Club have has made a contribution to the Axminster Churches Together Christmas lunch at All Saints'Church Village Hall.

Treasurer Julia Walter and chairman, Lesley Frankau presented a £150 cheque to Paul Hayward, who is helping to organise the event.

The lunch is being organised for people living on their own in Axminster and the surrounding area and is being widely supported by local organisations and volunteers alike.

It will be held on Christmas Day, and transport can be organised.

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Break-in at auctioneers

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The sale was postponed and held a week later on December 12th.

Among the items stolen during the raid was a Victorian silver three-piece teaset.

Anyone with information should contact DC Harrington on 01404 548641 quoting crime reference number CR/083555/15.

College welcomes seniors to annual Christmas party

■ HONITON Community College has hosted its fourth annual senior citizens' party. Together with students, the kitchen staff and Honiton Lions, the college organised another successful event, which was enjoyed by 88 people. Honiton businesses and the Lions Club contributed towards the costs and also supplied the raffle prizes. Father Christmas was on hand to assist with the party, keeping the partygoers' glasses topped up with wine.

College sleepout raises more than £1,000 for Young Devon

STUDENTS from Honiton Community College have presented local charity Young Devon with a cheque for more than £1,000 to support their work on housing and homelessness prevention.

A group of hardy students organised a 'sleep out' to raise money and awareness of homelessness.

The students were delighted to present Young Devon homelessness prevention worker, Jenny Lynch, with this fantastic donation.

Young Devon's primary objective is "to enhance lives and promote opportunity for those least likely to have their voices heard".

Oliver Gorman, 16, and one of the fundraisers said: "It is shocking to realise that some young people don't have any option but to sleep rough."

Fellow fundraiser, Luke Chambers, also 16, added: "It has raised awareness that other people the same age as us are experiencing this."

Jenny said she was delighted to accept such a fantastic donation on behalf of Young Devon: "I would like to thank all the students and staff at Honiton Community College on behalf of all of us that work at Young Devon for this fantastic effort and such a brilliant donation.

"Everyone involved in our various housing and homelessness prevention programmes knows just how vital it is that young people have a safe and secure place that they can call home and this donation will certainly contribute towards that."

■ YOUNG Devon homelessness prevention work officer Jenny Lynch accepts a cheque from student at Honiton Community College who raised they money by sleeping rough for the night

PCC welcomes Government panel on police funding

by Anders Larsson

DEVON and Cornwall's Police and Crime Commissioner Tony Hogg has welcomed calls for an independent panel to advise the Government on future proposals for police funding.

A report published by the Home Affairs Select Committee says accounting firms, financial experts and the College of Policing should be appointed to assist the Home Office in formulating revised proposals.

Last month the Home Office paused its review process after Mr Hogg's office highlighted serious errors in calculating the funding allocations for police force areas.

These errors resulted in forces who had been advised they would be 'winners' under the new funding allocation finding they are in fact facing cuts, and vice versa.

The Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP, chairman of the committee, said: "The ease with which Devon and Cornwall exposed the error was almost farcical, in a modern day battle between David and Goliath.

"Police forces found themselves on a rollercoaster, where at the stroke of a pen they saw their funding allocation plummet in some cases and rise meteorically in others, with nobody able to explain why. It would be charitable to call it a shambles.

"Errors by senior officials in the Home Office and the process adopted were serious mistakes, which wasted time and resources and gravely damaged confidence in the Home Office in the eyes of their principal stakeholders, the Police themselves.

"The current police funding formula has become unfit for purpose, and this review was welcome. Instead of designing a process which truly engaged the Police and Police and Crime Commissioners, they were shut out, with the Home Office denying them access to data and giving them an impossibly short amount of time to submit evidence."

In response Tony Hogg said: "I'm delighted and impressed with the way that the committee has worked. There is no doubt the funding formula was a shambles. There was no element of the proposed formula that was fit for purpose.

"This has directly saved Devon and Cornwall £15million next year alone and now my office is back to work working hard on the same issues again to ensure the next set of proposals are fairer for the people of Devon and Cornwall.

In its recommendations the report goes on: "We commend the work of Andrew White, chief executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall, in bringing to light the calculation error that the Home Office failed to identify.

"It would be amusing if it were not so serious that Mr White was able to unravel the entire funding model in a way that made the Home Office look foolish.

"An independent panel should be appointed to assist in formulating revised proposals.

"We hope the assistance and advice of external experts will deliver a fair and effective funding formula. For this to work, the Home Office needs to state clearly what they expect the Police to do, and what they are prepared to fund."

New management for hospitals

EAST Devon community hospitals look set to come under new management next year.

Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (NEW Devon CCG) has decided to "proceed towards contract award for community services to the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (RDEFT)".

This decision doesn't confirm that the contract will be awarded, being subject to "further detailed due diligence in advance of the final decision".

RDEFT chief executive Angela Pedder, said: "Aligning community services in Exeter, East and Mid Devon with RDEFT is an important step in developing streamlined pathways of care for local people.

"Working closely with Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (which currently manages the hospitals), we will now develop plans to safely transfer the services over the coming months.

"We look forward to welcoming and working with the community services staff, who bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience."

NDHT Chief Executive Alison Diamond said: "We will be playing our part to ensure that the strong foundations we have put in place over the last five years can be built upon and the high-quality services continue to develop and improve."

An assessment of strategic diligence is the next step and NEW Devon CCG's governing body will make a final decision in the early part of 2016.

RDEFT is expected to take over in April 2016.

New Year japes for Branscombe

BRANSCOMBE Players will be staging 'Jolly January Japes' at Branscombe Village Hall on Saturday, January 9th at 7.30pm.

Tickets will be on sale on the door costing £5 for adults and £2.50 for children and refreshments will be available.

If you have a story to share, us on call 01297 446142

Social club AGM

BEER Social Club will now be holding its AGM on Wednesday, January 13th.

Fire service called to rescue foal from Axmouth farm ditch

FIREFIGHTERS came to the rescue of a foal at a farm near Axmouth.

The animal was in a water-filled ditch and a spokesperson for the fire and rescue service said: "A fire engine from Colyton and a specialist rescue team from Exeter were mobilised.

"On arrival the incident commander confirmed one foal in a ditch and got to work attempting to release the foal.

"The foal was released by fire service personnel and left in hands of owner."

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Cubs and Scout leaders recognised

by Anders Larsson
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SIX Scouts and two of their leaders were the proud recipients of various awards and certificates in Axminster.

The 1st Axminster Cub Scouts met on December 7th, and the session was concluded with an awards ceremony.

Group leader Linda Green was in charge and awarded the Chief Scout's Silver Award to Cubs Harvey, George, Edward, Ben, Max and Aeron.

It is the top award for Cub Scouts, confirming they are 'creative, fit, learning about the world and their communities and have understood the Promise'.

The work of leaders Phillip Lawlor and Bruce Burrough was also recognised.

Mr Lawlor has clocked up a decade of sterling service, and was presented with the Chief Scout's Ten Years Service Award, whilst Mr Burrough received the Wood Badge to confirm that he has successfully undertaken adult leadership training.

■ **PROUD:** Harvey, George, Edward, Ben, Max and Aeron with their certificates and, inset, leaders Phillip Lawlor, Linda Green, and Bruce Burrough

Bill celebrates his 100th

AXMINSTER resident Bill Sumner had two cakes to cut when celebrating his 100th birthday.

The big day was on Sunday, December 6th but a party was laid on two days later at Axminster Care Service's weekly Tuesday lunch club for the housebound and elderly.

Bill is a regular at the club, going there with the help of Axe Valley Visiting Scheme.

He grew up in Lincoln but moved to Axminster to work in engineering.

His late wife Ruth worked at Trinity House in Axminster.

The photo shows Bill cutting one of his two birthday cakes at the party.

The weekly lunch club provides an opportunity to meet new people and enjoy lunch and conversation in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

More information on the lunch club is available by calling 01297 35550; anyone interested in Axe Valley Visiting Scheme can call Gill Amos on 01404 549 045.

Co-op boost for FORCE charity

AXMINSTER'S main Co-op store – the larger of the town's two branches, just off West Street – has been awarded a certificate for their hard work in fundraising for the cancer charity, FORCE.

Each year the store chooses a charity to help raise funds for and this year the Co-op has raised £1,170.66 for the Exeter based charity.

The certificate will be on show on the shop notice board to thank the customers and staff.

Jenny Moore from Axe Valley Friends of FORCE is pictured presenting the certificate to store manager James West and Terri Thornhill.

■ STUDENTS at Axe Valley Community College have rallied together and provided 30 gift boxes or so to be distributed by Axminster Foodbank (aka Canned Sunshine).

The food bank is based at Axminster Health & Wellbeing Centre, and centre manager Sam Norris said: "In the boxes there are chocolates, sweets, stickers, small toys, pencils and pens."

Each box has a gift card with a greeting, and Sam added: "We are delighted to report that we have already handed out 10 boxes to local families and hope to give the rest soon."

She also reminded people that the food bank closed on Monday December 21st and re-opens on Monday January 4th.

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Puffins' tree sparkles at festival

PUFFINS at Beer Pre School took part in the Christmas tree festival at St Michael's Church, Axmouth.

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Pre-school assistant Beth Comber said: "All the children had a lovely time making the decorations and we hope they will be able to visit the tree in December to show their families".

The festival is on until tomorrow December 23rd and is open from 11am–6pm.

Bus passengers thrilled with new shelter

PASSENGERS have given the thumbs up to the new bus shelter in Beer, ***writes KEVIN FAHEY.***

The new shelter in Underleys provides refuge for passengers to sit and wait for the bus in an area at the top of the village that is exposed to the elements.

"It is wonderful," said Carole Hale, who was waiting for the 899 service last Friday.

"You used to get soaked waiting for the bus up here."

Phil Maunders shared Carole's delight in the new shelter, which was provided by Beer Parish Council.

"What started it all off was when Roy Newton was standing out here in the wind and rain waiting for the bus and there was nowhere to sit and shelter," said Phil.

"It is great that we now have a shelter for the elderly passengers to get out of the weather and wait for the bus."

The cost of the shelter and installation with groundworks came to around £4,800, of which £1,000 was given by Devon County Councillor Jim Knight as part of his budget for local projects. The balance was provided by Beer Parish Council.

"I think the shelter will be very useful for people and hopefully improve their lives," said Beer Parish Councillor Mike Green.

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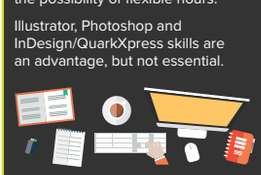

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Women's Institutes ROUND UP

AXE RIVER

MEMBERS were treated to a demonstration of wood turning by Colwin Way from Axminster Power Tools, who made Christmas trees and snowmen which later became raffle prizes.

Axe River is celebrating a another successful year, a second birthday meal was held on November 24th.

A poppy wreath was laid on behalf of the club on Remembrance Sunday.

The next meeting, December 15th, is the Christmas social with a festive supper provided by the committee.

For more information contact President Ann Keane on 01297 598953.

Meetings at the Methodist Church Hall, Lyme Road, Axminster, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month.

COLYFORD

THE last meeting of the year was the annual Christmas Party. A short business meeting reflected on a successful lunch at The Bowd near Sidmouth and the achievements of three teams in Beer WI's quiz. Members were reminded of their Christmas meal in January. Entertainment followed with the committee putting on their version of *Call My Bluff*, members reading seasonal poems and a seasonal quiz before an afternoon tea provided by members and the traditional visit of Santa Claus.

HAWKCHURCH

AT the December Christmas meeting members were entertained by Lyme Luggers Ukulele Band, who generously give their time to entertaining and lifting spirits, whilst donating their fees to Lyme Regis charities. A shining example of contributing to the community and a highlight of the year.

Rivalling the Luggers in Christmas attire, members wore their seasonal best. The buffet table groaned beneath goodies the ladies supplied, accompanied by wine and soft drinks. A jolly good time was had by all – including the Luggers.

MUSBURY & WHITFORD

THE Christmas party special guest was advisor Mary Andrews. There was a free raffle and mulled wine to start, then an exceedingly hard quiz. Next was a Fairy table quiz with judging of the decorated fairy. Then came the serious business, the food. Margaret Nicholson from Colyford institute gave the vote of thanks. Members were reminded of the Christmas Tree Festivals at Shute and Musbury churches.

February meeting is members' afternoon on Pancake Day. Next meeting is at 2.15 on Tuesday, January 12th at Whitford Village Hall. All welcome.

Axminster Art Society

ON December 9th the Society held its AGM and Christmas Party. The Chairman, Rob Chappel, thanked everyone for their work throughout the year and, looking forward to 2016, said the committee is dedicated to bringing in new members.

The Summer Exhibition in the Axe Vale Festival will run as usual whilst the 2016 exhibition in the Arts Café will have a song title theme. The current exhibition in the Apple Tree Gallery in Axminster is looking well: Rob reminded artists displaying on the website to change their work regularly as there were regular 'hits' from abroad as well as nationally.

The President, Lynda White, announced a new initiative, The Presidents' Challenge, creating small pictures to be mounted collectively on foam board. The theme will be 'Fruits of the Earth' to fit The Axe Garden Festival in May as part of the society's Summer Exhibition. After the AGM, there was a Christmas Quiz, with mulled wine and Christmas goodies.

Lynda will start meetings in the New Year with a demonstration of glazing technique. For further programme details go to www.axminsterartsociety.uk.

Demonstrations are held at Musbury Village Hall, normally on the third Wednesday of the month at 2.15pm. The subscription is £20 a year and £4 a meeting for visitors, set against the membership fee for those who join within two months.

Honiton U3A take a trip along the Jurassic Coast

THE Jurassic Coast is the UK's only 'natural' World Heritage site (the other 25 being 'cultural') and the only place on earth where, in 95 miles of coastline, a near-continuous story of the Earth's history across 250 million years can be told. To explain its uniqueness Honiton U3A welcomed Sam Scriven, Earth Science Manager for Dorset County Council.

He showed how the Earth had evolved, revealing the landscape. However it is not only rocks but also the fossils they contain that helped create a record of life evolving. A great contributor to this was Mary Anning, a 19th century fossil collector and paleontologist who was born in Lyme Regis and who became known around the world for the finds she made in the Jurassic marine fossil beds in the cliffs around her home.

To conclude Sam said that soon this information will be available at the new Seaton Jurassic Centre, due to open in 2016 and intended to be not only an attraction for tourists and locals, but also an 'Experience' for all.

The Chairman, Susanne Jones, thanked Mr Scriven for his fascinating and absorbing insight to this amazing local World Heritage site.

Devonshire Association

WALKER, photographer and investigator Peter Nasmyth gave a talk on 'Literature and Landscape in East Devon' at the final 2015 meeting of the Devonshire Association's Axe Valley branch meeting at the Peace Memorial Pavilion in Colyton. Within the talk was his worry that the ever more invasive building of new housing on green field sites is swallowing our landscape.

Going back into literary history the speaker was able to add to Jane Austen's more famous and frequent stays in Lyme Regis immortalised by *Persuasion*, the novel which has brought cameras to the town for television adaptations. Less well known is her portrait of *Sanditon*, otherwise Sidmouth, in her unfinished novel of that name, or Pynes House, north of Exeter, as the setting for her debut novel *Sense and Sensibility*. Her discreet satire on finance-driven development meant that Mr Nasmyth included her in his list of writers who have contributed to landscape preservation.

The list includes visiting writers such as the poet John Betjeman and children's author Beatrix Potter, who used the cliffs around Sidmouth and Branscombe in her *Little Pig Robinson*, as well as residents as John Fowles and Eden Phillpotts. For many years Fowles lived in a cliff top house on the Devon side of the Dorset border. In those years he wrote arguably his best novel *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, made into a memorable cinema film, and took on his preservation contribution as curator of the town's museum.

Those who settled here long enough to draw inspiration from our landscape were two Irish born writers. At Musbury the young Cecil Day-Lewis, who went on to become the Queen's Poet Laureate, used the Axe Valley as material for some of his best verse, Virgil translation and detective novels written as Nicholas Blake. William Trevor settled west of Exeter and also used his Devon surroundings, notably in his 1976 novel *Children of Dynmouth*, made into a BBC tv drama and shot by his choice in Sidmouth. The list of famous names from WM Thackeray and HG Wells to Elizabeth Barrett Browning continued but as a native of Ottery St Mary speaker Nasmyth was clearly most proud of its most renowned poet ST Coleridge.

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by Kristin Chessman

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RED WINE: If the fabric is dry clean only, use a dry cleaning solvent. If the fabric is washable, pretreat the stain with a laundry stain remover, then wash it per your garment's care instructions. If you're looking for a convenient at home remedy, saturate the affected garment with club soda, then wash.

CHOCOLATE: First, wait for the chocolate to harden. Then, use a spoon or butter knife to gently remove the chocolate from the affected garment. Next, use a dry cleaning solvent for washable and dry clean only fabrics. Place a white rag beneath the stain, then apply the solution directly on the chocolate. Blot the stain with your finger, then rinse with warm water and repeat if necessary.

GRASS: Your best bet is to immediately treat the stain with a stain stick. This enzyme-rich product helps prevent grass stains from setting into the fabric. Simply apply the stick to the grass stain, then blot into the stain. Wait anywhere from one minute to one week before washing.

BLOOD: Treat blood stains as quickly as possible. Start by flushing cold water over the stain and blotting it with your fingertips. If this doesn't do the trick, use a dry cleaning solvent for washable and dry clean only fabrics. You also may use a laundry stain remover for washable fabrics. For an easy at home remedy, soak the garment in a mixture of ammonia and water for about 20 minutes, then rinse.

COFFEE: Quickly saturate the stain with a laundry stain remover. Then, wash it in water as warm as the fabric allows. If you don't have a stain remover handy, try using a liquid dishwashing detergent instead.

GREASE: First, apply an absorbent powder (like cornstarch, baking soda, or baby powder) to the grease stain and let it sit. If grease still remains, use a dry cleaning solvent for both washable and dry clean only fabrics. While treating, don't forget to place an absorbent white cloth beneath the stain.

INK: Use hairspray! Place a clean rag underneath the stain and spray the ink until the fabric is saturated. Let it soak for several seconds and blot with another clean rag. Repeat until the ink stain is gone and launder as usual immediately afterward.

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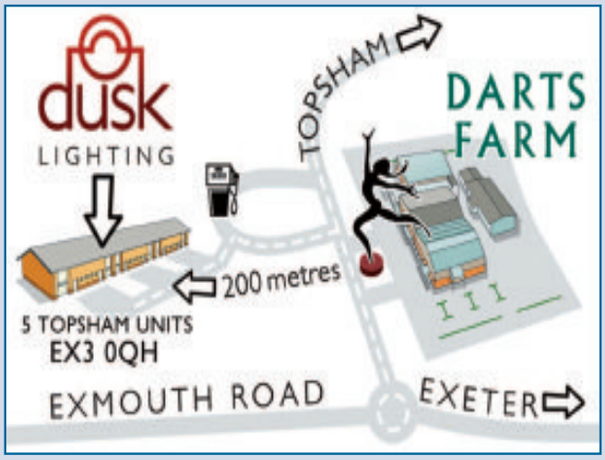

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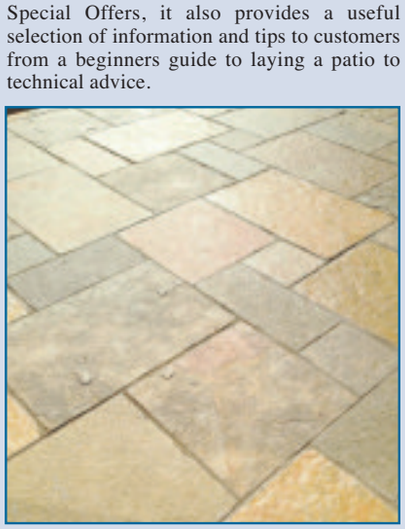

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UNTIL THURSDAY DECEMBER 24TH
Axminster: Visit a new pop-up shop, Artemis House Gallery, selling a wide range of paintings, prints, cards, stained glass, lamps and mirrors by local artists Christine Allison, Anthea Simmons, Ann Pengelly, Elizabeth Richie, Trisha Hayman, Pam Allsop and Karol Kulik. Open Thursdays-Sundays 10.15am-4.00pm. Artemis House, 7 West Street, Axminster, Devon EX13 5NX. www.artemishouse.co.uk

TUESDAY DECEMBER 22ND
Crewkerne: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.
Sidmouth: Ruishton Concertina Band 'Christmas Crackers' concert at Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields, Temple Street, 7.45pm. Sing aloud and tap your feet. Free entry, bucket collection for restoration fund.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23RD
Crewkerne: Bingo at Henhayes Centre, cash prizes. Eyes down 2.30pm.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24TH
Crewkerne: John De Barra live at the King William.
Honiton: Crib Service in the Church of England St Paul's, High Street, 11am.
Honiton: Carols (10.30pm), Christmas Eucharist (11pm) at Church of England St Paul's, High Street.
Honiton: Carol Service with Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, 8pm.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25TH
Honiton: Holy Communion (traditional) at 8am, and Christmas Eucharist at 9.30am, at Church of England St Paul's, High Street.
Honiton: Short Celebration Service at Community Church at the Beehive Centre, Dowell Road, 10am.
Honiton: Family Service at Evangelical Congregational Church, High Street, 10.30am.
Honiton: Christmas Family Service led by Mr John Firth, at Family Church (Baptists Together), High Street, 10.30am.
Honiton: Christmas Day Family Service led by minister Rev Jonathan Froggatt at Methodist Church, Chapel Street, off New Street, 10.30am.
Honiton: Christmas Day Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, 11am.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 26TH
Honiton: Boxing Day Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, 9.30am.

FRIDAY JANUARY 1ST
Crewkerne: Yeovil Car Club New Year's Day Classic Car Meet, Haselbury Mill, TA 18 7 NY 10am - 2pm No pre booking, £2 per car. Hog roast and licensed bar. Up to 150 Classics expected (no modern saloons please). Details www.yeovilcarclub.com or 01297 552267.

MONDAY JANUARY 4TH
Axminster: Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.
Crewkerne: Award-winning wildlife photographer Colin Varndell is the speaker at the January meeting of Crewkerne and District U3A. His talk on 'The Natural Beauty of Dorset' is being held at the Henhayes Centre, 2pm.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6TH
Seaton: Men's Probus Club meeting 10am. Methodist Church Hall, Scallwell Lane. Talk by Patricia Lowther entitled 'When War Broke Out'
Beer: Jurassic Jam at Dolphin Hotel, Fore Street, 8-10.15pm. Music for all to join in. Free admission for musicians and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit the website at www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

THURSDAY JANUARY 7TH
Chard: Chard Camera Club will be meeting for it's first meeting of the New Year at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street and will be holding a workshop on Macro Photography. Anyone will be made welcome so come along and start a new year off by getting to use those newly acquired Christmas gifts. Further details can be obtained from Mr Peter Partridge on 01460 66885 or by visiting their website www.chardcameraclub.co.uk

FRIDAY JANUARY 8TH
Axminster: Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 10.30-12.30. For parents and carers of children (0-18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Pre-school age children welcome with parents/carers. At the Methodist Hall, Lyme Road, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk

Abba's Angels at the Square and Compass

ABBA'S ANGELS are one of the UK's premier Abba tribute bands, featuring some incredibly talented singers and musicians they offer one of the most captivating and authentic tributes to one of the greatest bands of all time.

They have appeared on BBC and Sky1, featured on *Star for a Night*, and featured on the front cover of the *Sunday Times Magazine*.

Abba's Angels perform all the best known Abba songs wearing painstakingly hand-made replica costumes with choreographed dance routines with several stunning costume changes, all in all a brilliant nights entertainment!

You can see Abba's Angels live at the The Barn at Square and Compass, Windmill Hill, near Ilminster, on Sunday, December 27th, from with doors opening 8pm. Tickets are £14 in advance, from the venue or online at www.mojopromo.co.uk.

Winstons 70s New Year's Eve Party

WINSTONS in Seaton are having their end of year party on New Year's Eve this year, featuring That 70s Band, plus a 70s disco and a hot and cold buffet, all for just £15.00.

Manager Chris Oakes said: "Last years party was such a success and great fun that when we talked about this year everyone asked if we could do the same again, so that's what we've done, at the same price as last year.

"If you haven't seen the band live, they dress in the cheesiest 70s gear and play all the favourites from you guessed it, the 70s!

"We are also encouraging people to do fancy dress, this is optional, but be warned this is a ticket only event and 75% of the tickets have been sold, so get yours while you still can and come and see the new year in style."

Tickets are available from Winstons, Beer Village Stores and Axe Music in Axminster.

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Diary Dates

SATURDAY JANUARY 9TH
Hinton St George: 'Flix in the Stix' presents '45 Years' (15), in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or, £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

SATURDAY JAN 9TH – WEDNESDAY JAN 13TH
Honiton: South West Academy Exhibition at the Thelma Hulbert Gallery. For more details visit www.thelmahulbert.com

MONDAY JANUARY 11TH
Neroche: 'Miniatures of the Wallace Collection', 7.15pm. This lecture by Stephen J.Duffy explains the formation of the collection and looks in depth at such artists as Samuel Cooper, Richard Cosway, Peter Adolph Hall and Jean-Batiste Isabey. Guests £5 Visit nerochedfas.org.uk for more details

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13TH
Honiton: Beehive Scottish Folk Café, 8pm. Free entry. Come along and sing or listen in the Beehive bar, with host Sue King. A Scottish twist every month - wear Tartan or bring a Scottish song or tune to sing or play.

THURSDAY JANUARY 14TH
Chard: Chard Royal Naval Association will be holding their AGM meeting at 7.30pm at the Chard Conservative club. Anyone wishing to join the association should attend this meeting where they will be made most welcome. Details before doing so can be obtained from the Secretary Mr Gary Pennells on 01460 77978 or Paula Moon 01460 929041

FRIDAY JANUARY 15TH
Honiton: Film: 'Bridge of Spies' (cert 12A) at the Beehive, 7.30pm. Tickets £6.50, under 16s £5.50.

SATURDAY JANUARY 16TH
Honiton: Film: 'Florence & The Uffizi Gallery' at the Beehive, 7.30pm. Tickets £10.

SUNDAY JANUARY 17TH
Sidmouth: ShelterBox Tea Dance at Stowford Centre. 2.30pm. Ballroom & Sequence dancing hosted by Jean and David (01395 579856). £3 per dancer, licensed cafe open for light refreshments.

MONDAY JANUARY 18TH
Axminster: Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20TH
Beer: Jurassic Folk Club at the Dolphin Hotel, Fore Street 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903.
Tatworth: FREE Tea & Talk "RNAS Yeovilton Past, Present & Future" in the Brewer Room at Tatworth Memorial Hall. 2pm. Organised by Tatworth & Forton Active Living. For more details call 01460 220339.
Seaton: Men's Probus Club meeting 10 a.m. Methodist Church Hall, Scallwell Lane. Talk by Darren Walker of Devon Action entitled 'Help and Advice for the over 50s'.

THURSDAY JANUARY 21ST
Chard: Chard Camera Club will be away from their base as they visit Wellington Camera Club at Wellington for the first inter club competition of the new year.

FRIDAY JANUARY 22ND
Tatworth: Film: '45 Years' (cert 12a) at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198
Honiton: Film: 'Love and Mercy' (cert 12A) at the Beehive, 7.30pm. Tickets £6.50, under 16s £5.50.

SATURDAY JANUARY 23RD
Honiton: Orchestral Workshop with the CBSO. 10am-6pm. Play-through at 5pm open to the public. No admission charge, retiring collection. For experience string players. Enquiries to roghendy@gmail.com

MONDAY JANUARY 25TH
Axminster: Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.
Beer: Beer Film Society presents "45 Years"cert 15 starring Charlotte Rampling and Tom Courtenay. At Steamers Restaurant in Beer doors open at 7pm, film 7.30pm General Public £5, Members £3.50. All welcome, bar and refreshments available. www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk

TUESDAY JANUARY 26TH
Ilminster: Study Day. 'Who Says? Making Judgements in Art'. This study day is led by David Phillips, and explores what makes a piece of art good, bad or indifferent, and what makes it valuable - or worthless? And when is a piece of art in good taste - and when is it just kitsch? Ticket prices: members £35, non members £40. For more details and application form see our website nerochedfas.org.uk or telephone Mrs.Wendy Outram 01460 259113. At Monks Yard, Horton Cross, 10am-3.30pm (including lunch.

Edison's soul guitar

The first jazz concert of the year at Ilminster Arts Centre features one of the most exciting new talents on the UK jazz scene. Edison Herbert is a highly accomplished jazz guitarist whose lyrical, accessible style draws on his guitar heroes Wes Montgomery, George Benson, Tal Farlow as well as masters of funk such as Nile Rodgers.

Edison Herbert

Edison came to critical notice when he was performing with the Guildhall Big Band at Ronnie Scotts, and he was subsequently asked to join the Jazz Warriors. Edison has also worked with Randy Brecker, Clark Peters and Kim Burell, and wrote the arrangements for the Olivier nominated West End show 'Unforgettable', as well as composing music for BBC Radio.

Edison's flowing rhythm and melodic lines are supported masterfully by the other members of the trio, who are Winston Clifford on drums and 'Level' Neville Malcolm on bass. Winston's drumming credentials are impeccable, and he has played with artists such as Courtney Pine, Bheki Mseleku, and the Ronnie Scott band. Neville Malcolm is one of the most in-demand bass players in the country, having played with everyone from Gabrielle, Yosuf Islam, Tom Jones, Marlena Shaw and Gregory Porter. His profound groove and earthy, soulful playing give the trio all it could want in the bass department.

For this performance the trio will be easing the audience in to the New Year with an easy-going set that mixes well-known tunes and standards with some of Edison's elegant compositions, and showcasing a range that moves effortless from sensitive ballads to foot-tapping up-tempo numbers.

The Edison Herbert Trio play at the Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, January 8th at 8pm. Tickets are £12 (a pre-show supper is available for £13, but must be pre-booked). For more details call 01460 54973 or visit www.themeetinghouse.org.uk

Top blues group The Producers' to host New Year's Eve Party

ONE of the UKs top blues bands with 10 albums and world wide tours under their belt, The Producers use their annual New Years Eve party to relax and play anything and everything they feel like playing, getting well away from their usual structured blues set lists!

Previous NYE parties have included 'My Boy Lollipop', Cream's 'White Room', Spencer Davis' 'Keep on Running', 'Tequila', The Kinks 'You Really Got Me', in fact whatever constitutes a good party night!

The Producers host their New Year's Eve Party at The Barn@Square + Compass, Windmill Hill, Nr Ilminster. TA19 9NX, on Thursday, December 31st.

Doors open 8pm, starting 9pm. Tickets are £25 in advance (Ticket includes Hot food, limited numbers) from venue or www.mojopromo.co.uk, or by calling 01823 480467.

The Producers

Rory McGrath Remembers... *or is it Forgets?*

TV PRESENTER and seasoned comedy writer Rory McGrath is set to embark on his debut stand-up tour, beginning at Exeter Phoenix on Thursday, February 4th.

Rory McGrath Remembers (Or is it Forgets) sees Rory looking back over his life and wondering if he can remember any of it... if not, he'll make it up!

From his birth in a lowly stable in Bethlehem, to his Nobel Prize in Chemistry, there's nothing he's not prepared to bend the truth about.

Tickets are £14.50, available online at www.exeterphoenix.org.uk or by calling 01392 667080

Axminster Drama Club presents Jack and The Beanstalk

AXMINSTER Drama Clubs production this year will be bigger and better than ever before, not least because there is a giant amongst the cast. From that you may well have guessed that their pantomime this year is the well-known classic, Jack & the Beanstalk. The club have put together a cast of great comic actors which will have you rolling in the aisles with laughter, add to that upbeat songs, funky dancing and amazing scenery and costumes and once again it's going to be a show not to be missed.

Following last year's highly successful, Puss in Boots, Jack Price is once again directing this year's production supported by the usual team of talented scenery painters, costume makers, stage crew and of course actors not to forget over 40 young performers ranging from 7 to 14 under the control as always of club Chairman Sara Leat.

'Tickets will be on sale at Archway Bookshop, Church Street, Axminster from 29th December with performance dates being Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th January with a matinee on Saturday 16th.

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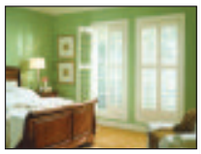

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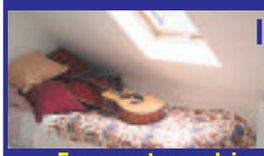

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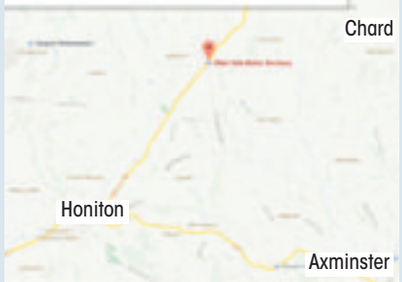

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Toolstation D1 (40)	Pld	Pts
Cheddar	21	41
CHARD TOWN	21	40
Chipping Sodbury	21	39
Oldland Abbotonians	18	39
Hengrove Athletic	18	34
Corsham Town	22	31
Radstock Town	20	31
Ashton & Backwell	21	30*
Wells City	18	30
Almondsbury	19	29
Keynsham Town	18	28
Roman Glass St G	22	28
Chippenham Park	20	28
Wellington	20	27
Portishead Town	17	26
Warminster Town	19	25
Calne Town	17	23
Devizes Town	22	16
Westbury Utd	22	16
Wincanton Town	18	10
Bishops Sutton	20	2

SWP Div One (E) (34)	Pld	Pts
St Martins	16	40
Teignmouth	16	35
Tiverton Town Res	13	33
University of Exeter	17	31
Alphington	18	29
AXMINSTER TOWN	21	29
Appledore	13	25
Crediton Utd	16	25
Galmpton Utd	15	24
Budleigh Salterton	17	23
Exwick Villa	16	23
SIDMOUTH TOWN	16	21
Newton Abbot Spurs	13	19
Brixham AFC	18	19
Bovey Tracey	19	19
Totnes & Dartington	17	16
Liverton Utd	16	11
Okehampton Argyle	19	3

Somerset Div 1 (W) (24)	Pld	Pts
Middlezoy Rovers	7	21
Wells City Res	8	19
Glastonbury FC	8	18
Cleeve West Town	9	17
Congresbury	11	17*
Minehead	9	12
COMBE ST NIC	8	10
Winscombe	9	9
ILMINSTER TOWN	7	8
Burnham Utd	9	7
Portishead Town Res	6	5
Street Res	7	4
St George Easton	10	3

D&E Premier (30)	Pld	Pts
Newtown	13	34
Feniton	14	32
Topsham Town	12	27
Honiton Town	14	25
Elmore	11	24
Exwick Villa Res	17	24
Heavitree Utd	12	22
Chard Town Res	16	14
Clyst Valley	14	13
Newton St Cyres	13	12
Hatherleigh Town	10	11
Seaton Town	9	10
Sidbury Utd	13	10*
Bow AAC	10	8
Beer Albion	12	8
Willand Rovers Res	10	7

D&E Div Six (26)	Pld	Pts
Millwey Rise	11	27
Whipton & Pinhoe	8	24
Winchester	9	24
Newton St Cyres Res	7	19
Royal Oak (Exeter)	12	19
South Zeal Utd	10	17
Winkleigh	9	14
Exwick Village	13	14
Dunkeswell Rovers	12	13
East Budleigh Res	12	12*
Ilminster Town Res	13	10*
Woodbury Res	9	7
Silverton	11	6
Stoke Hill	8	0

Perry St Premier (24)	Pld	Pts
Beaminster	8	24
Barrington	8	21
Shepton Beauchamp	8	17
Perry Street	5	13
Combe Reserves	10	13
W & M Chinnock	10	13
South Petherton	6	12
Winsham Utd	10	11
Netherbury	11	11
Chard Utd	10	11
Forton Rangers	9	5
Crewkerne Town	10	3*
Lyme Regis Bantams	5	2*

Perry St Div 1 (24)	Pld	Pts
Hawkchurch Utd	10	25
Barrington Res	9	19
Misterton	9	18
Drimpton	7	18
Pymore	8	11
Waytown Hounds	8	11
Uplyme	7	10
Beaminster Res	8	10
Combe A	7	7
Ilminster Town Colts	9	7
Crewkerne Rangers	9	5
Thorncombe	9	2

Perry St Div 2 (24)	Pld	Pts
Merriott Rovers	9	22
Chard Rangers	11	22
Shepton Beau Res	9	20
South Petherton Res	7	18
Combe B	9	18
Winsham Utd Res	12	18
Chard Utd Res	10	15
Farway Utd	9	15
Hinton St George	12	12
Merriott Dynamos	9	7
Kingsbury Episcopi	12	7
Thorncombe Res	9	0

Perry St Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Dowlish & Donyatt	9	24
Perry Street Res	8	18
Fivehead	10	18
Charmouth	9	18
Uplyme Reserves	9	16
Halstock	5	13
Chard Rangers Res	8	13
Netherbury Reserves	7	12
Drimpton Reserves	10	11*
Crewk Rangers Res	9	9
Ilminster Town A	10	6
Chard Utd All Stars	10	6
Farway Utd Res	10	3

swimming chard & district club

Briana is Top Girl at West Dorset Meet

◆ **TOP GIRL:** Briana Barrand with her award after the West Dorset Meet

CHARD & District Swimming Club took part in the West Dorset Christmas Meet in Dorchester on December 6th, and once again achieved many county and regional qualifying times *writes Paul Harrison.*

Particular congratulations must go to 11 year old Briana Barrand who achieved the Top Girl award over all female entrants at the gala, with three gold medals, six county qualifying times plus regional times in the 100 freestyle, 50 breaststroke and 100 breaststroke.

Grace Lambert, Millie Downes and Xanthe Dyer all achieved regional qualifying times in the 100 breaststroke, with Joss Copeman achieving three regional consideration times.

Iain Ross, Paul Harrison, Millie Downes and Xanthe Dyer all won two gold medals each, and Chard collected a further 14 silvers and 10 bronzes, with 22 personal best swims overall.

There were also an amazing 46 county qualifying times for the upcoming Somerset County Championships in January.

Congratulations to all swimmers who took part: Jamie Porter, Benjamin Webb, Joss Copeman, Oliver Bright, Simon Davis, Paul Harrison, Freddie Coles, Iain Ross, Catherine Webb, Grace Lambert, Briana Barrand, Harriet Copeman, Xanthe Dyer, Jessica Fowler, Millie Downes, Abbie Herbert and Megan Herbert.

Seventeen swimmers from the club also travelled to Tiverton recently to compete in the Tiverton Sparkler, collecting numerous medals and personal best times.

Triple success

Henry Taswell led the way with three gold medals from three events, achieving two regional consideration times plus a regional qualifying time in the 100 backstroke.

Grace Lambert secured a regional qualifying time in addition to winning a gold medal in the 50 breaststroke, and collected a further gold medal in the 50 freestyle.

There were also regional consideration times for Joss Copeman (who also won four gold medals) in the 100 butterfly, and for Briana Barrand in the 100 breaststroke. In addition to these successes, there were also gold medals for Paul Harrison (3), Simon Davis (3), Jamie Porter (2) and Xanthe Dyer (1).

Chard achieved a further 10 silver and 10 bronze medals, and accumulated a grand total of 23 personal best times – a highly commendable performance all-round.

Swimmers taking part were: Esme Huntley, Kaitlyn Flannigan, Henry Taswell, Iain Ross, Catherine Webb, Grace Lambert, Mia Huntley, Megan Herbert, Paul Harrison, Mia Porter, Briana Barrand, Harriet Copeman, Xanthe Dyer, Jamie Porter, Joss Copeman, Simon Davis and Abbie Herbert.

For further information on joining Chard Swimming Club, which is always looking for new swimmers aged seven and upwards, please see our web-site www.chardswimming.org.uk

boxing chard, ilminster & district club

Red hot Virk on fire in top win

THREE young boxers from Chard, Ilminster & District Amateur Boxing Club travelled to Camberley for an open boxing show on December 12th.

First up was Spencer Ayers who landed some great punches on a tough boxer from Small Holdings ABC in an energetic skills bout.

Next was Shane Hughes who stepped into the ring, to take on an opponent from Portsmouth.

Hughes dominated from the start, his opponent was given a standing count in the first round, and his outstanding performance continued in the remaining rounds resulting in his first win.

Fire Virk fighting last for the club took on a boxer from Mole Valley ABC - who had a great record winning seven out of eight bouts, but Virk rattled him from the first round and went on to clinch a convincing win over a strong opponent.

With more fights planned for January, the club are confident that 2016 will be an excellent year with such young and upcoming talent.

◆ **PROMISING:** Shane Hughes, Fire Virk and Spencer Ayers

short mat east devon league

AS THE League heads into the Christmas break, Sidbury sit on the top of Evening Division One with a bonus of three points with Beer are hot on their tail.

In Evening Two Seaton are still on the top, with Sidbury Reds climbing up to 3rd place.

Afternoon One sees Beer still on the top, with Awliscombe climbing to second place, Seaton Blue climb in Afternoon Two and Combe St Nicholas are up to second in Afternoon Three.

Evening 1	Pld	Pts
Sidbury	6	10
Beer	6	7
Musbury	4	5
Colyton	6	4
Upottery	5	4
West Hill	4	2
Awliscombe	5	1

Evening 2	Pld	Pts
Seaton	5	9
Sidbury Whites	4	8
Sidbury Reds	5	6
Uffculme	5	5
Ottery St Mary	5	4
Colyton B	5	2
Awliscombe B	5	0

Afternoon 1	Pld	Pts
Beer	4	6
Awliscombe	5	6
Colyton	4	5
Sidford	5	4
Upottery	4	3
St Teresa's	4	2

Afternoon 2	Pld	Pts
Seaton Yellow	5	8
Ottery St Mary	5	7
Seaton Blue	4	4
Hemyock	5	4
Lyme Regis	5	4
Musbury	4	1

Afternoon 3	Pld	Pts
Chard	4	8
Combe St Nic B	3	6
Colyton B	6	6
Combe St Nic A	5	5
Seaton Green	5	4
Hemyock B	2	4
Seaton Red	5	3

school sport holyrood academy football

Wembley dream alive for Holyrood

HOLYROOD Academy U13 Girls football teams took part in a tournament of 24 teams from Somerset, Devon, Dorset and Wiltshire; the prize being a place at a regional competition which then leads to a curtain-raiser at the Johnson Paint Trophy Final next year.

Perfect group results

The Holyrood 1st team won all five of their group matches to qualify for the quarter-finals while the 2nd team earned a win against All Saints in the group stage but lost their other four games.

The 1st team went on to win both the quarter and semi-finals 1-0 against Woodroofe and Heathfield respectively.

The team, comprising of a majority of Year 7s, then played in the final against Maiden Beech who were all Year 8s.

Despite their trepidation in playing a team that had previously beaten them 10-0 in the U12 County Cup, the girls recored a superb 2-0 victory.

Mr Richard Evans said, "Ellie Hull was outstanding in goal, keeping a clean sheet throughout the competition.

Freescoring Katie Beale scored a monumental nine goals and Maddie Crouch was awesome in both defence and attack.

◆ **WELL PLAYED:** The Holyrood U13 Girls squad

horse racing wessex point-to-point

Rotablade lifts Djivanovic to first victory

THERE was a balmy December day for racegoers to enjoy the 'Hurley Hambledon' meeting at Larkhill last Sunday for the opening of the new Wessex point-to-point season.

Some competitive racing was the feature of the day on going described as good, with a number of unexpected results.

Highlights were a first riding success for Izzi Djivanovic on her first ride, a double for owner David Maxwell and a riding double for Nick Lawton.

The meeting began with the Hunt race with the favourite Pateese outstaying Terra Bleu to give Hursley, near Winchester, trainer Penny Lownds another win in her Hunt race.

She was repeating last year's success and reckoned this was the sixth time she has won the race.

The Ladies Open provided a shock when long odds on favourite Chapoturgeon, ridden by Bryony Frost, fell when closing on the leaders at the 15th fence.

This left Rotablade, ridden by Izzi Djivanovic, to win by eight lengths from Court In Session.

The 24-year-old is assistant trainer to National Hunt trainer Caroline Keevil and has had success in the eventing world, including representing Great Britain at the Young Rider Europeans.

She said 'no one wanted to make it, so I thought I might as well go off in front and I was waiting for Chapoturgeon to sweep by, but it did not happen!' She bought the horse privately with the intention of taking him team chasing.

When that season finished, she thought she might have a go at point-to-pointing and, by the way he jumped, there could be other successes before the season is over.

David Maxwell enjoyed his first ever riding success at Larkhill aboard No Loose Change, who held the late surge by Join Together ridden by Stan Sheppard in the Men's Open race.

He took up the running at the 14th fence and his mount stayed on to record a first point-to-point success.

A return to Hunter Chasing may be on the cards for the Kim Smyly trained 10-year-old and a tilt at the Aintree Foxhunters could be a long term season aim for the combination.

The second ran a most encouraging race, having missed all of last season, and only went down by a length.

Mr Simpkins, the impressive looking son of Presenting, made virtually all to win the Restricted race ridden by Sam Waley-Cohen and held off the attentions of Porlock Bay ridden by Will Biddick by four lengths.

As he had not raced since May 2014, this was an excellent performance and it is hoped that he will progress further.

He is named after Phil Simpkins, gardener for the Waley-Cohens for more than 25 years and Phil was present to receive the trophy on behalf of the family.

The Open Maiden was divided on the day and the two races may well produce a number of winners over the season.

The first division was the closest finish of the day, being only half a length between Big Bad Barry and Sugar Loaf Sholto at the line.

This was the second winner of the day for owner David Maxwell, but this time the horse was ridden by Alex Edwards for trainer Axelle Wall.

Bought by her husband Mark at Doncaster in May 2014 he has grown up this year and Mark exclaimed that he was 'chuffed to bits' to have found a horse for David, who was able to win first time out.

The second division provided a welcome winner for owner-trainer Sally Alner whose Bonzo's Copse proved too good for his 11 rivals.

Ridden by Stan Sheppard, who was recommended to Sally by Andrew Doyle, pupil assistant trainer at Paul Nicholls.

After Posh Totty had won the concluding TBA Club Members Race for the Jack Barber/Will Biddick combination by a distance, an objection was lodged on the grounds the winner had not carried the correct weight.

Posh Totty was eventually disqualified, with the race being awarded to Triggywinkle, giving Nick Lawton his first riding double of his career.

Bushwacker was the winner of the charity flat race, where all the funds raised will be going to the Hampshire Air Ambulance.

Ridden by Laura Elliott, 27, who runs a livery yard at Plaitford, Hampshire the plan is for Bushwacker, a former useful chaser for Ron Hodges, to attempt a point-to-point campaign where he will be ridden by Laura's partner, Josh Cameron.

Results

Hunt Members (*4 ran*) 1 Pateese (FR) 1/3F (N Lawton); 2 Terra Bleu (IRE) 5/1 (O Wedmore); 3 Shantou Breeze (IRE) 5/2 (L Madgwick). 6mins 18s. 2l, 8l. (Penny Lownds)

Ladies Open (*6 ran*) 1 Rotablade (GB) 14/1 (I Djivanovic); 2 Court In Session (IRE) 12/1 (A Roberts); 3 Fitandproperjob (GB) 5/1 (G Andrews). 6mins 21s. 15l, nk. (Isabel Djivanovic).

Men's Open (*11 ran*) 1 No Loose Change (IRE) 5/1 (D Maxwell); 2 Join Together (IRE) 7/4 (Stan Sheppard); 3 Real Milan (IRE) 50/1 (Jack Jones). Time 6mins 09s . 2¼l, 25l. (Kim Smyly).

Restricted (*8 ran*) 1 Mr Simpkins (GB) 4/6F (S Waley-Cohen); 2 Porlock Bay (IRE) 9/2 (W Biddick); 3 Sin Bin (IRE) 7/2 (G Andrews). 6mins 12s. 6l, 30l. (Robert Waley-Cohen).

Open Maiden Division One (*11 ran*) 1 Big Bad Barry (IRE) 7/1 (Alex Edwards); 2 Sugar Loaf Sholto (IRE) 5/2 (Z Baker); 3 Thereyarsee (GB) 7/4F (Stan Sheppard). 6mins 18.5s. 1l, 3l. (Axelle Wall).

Open Maiden Division Two (*12 ran*) 1 Bonzo's Copse (GB) 12/1 (Stan Sheppard); 2 Athreeothree (IRE) 7/4F (W Biddick); 3 Mr Cardle (IRE) 9/2 (J Hill). 6 mins 14s. 15l, 8l. (Sally Alner).

TBA Club Members Mares & Fillies (*3 ran*) 1 Triggywinkle (FR) 9/1 (N Lawton). 6mins 40s. (Roderick Chelton).

sailing axe yacht club agm

All change at the top

DAVID Crees was elected Club President at therecnt Axe Yacht Club AGM following the decision by Brian Lavender to stand down from the Executive Committee after 10 years as Secretary and four years as President.

Mr Crees is a long serving member of the Club, an RYA instructor and a previous Commodore of the Club.

David Haywood was elected Vice Commodore, replacing David Crees, having served in the past as Rear Commodore Sailing.

Nigel Daniel was elected Rear Commodore Activities Afloat after a close run ballot with Keith Parkinson. Nigel has been a Club member since 1965 and has accrued vast experience on the sea both professionally and as a Club member.

Ted Needham was elected Rear Commodore Harbour Services, replacing Pete Poulson who will continue to provide invaluable services to the Club.

Nicola Payne was elected Treasurer to replace the long-serving Noel Coplestone who has kept the Club finances in such good order over many years.

Amanda Parker was elected Communications Co-ordinator to replace Steve Hawkins who has stood down because of work commitments. Amanda has done wonderful work in promoting cadet sailing over the past three years and will continue to oversee cadet activities.

◆ **THANK YOU**: Outgoing President Brian Lavender (right) receives an inscribed Dartington jug from Commodore Steve Biddle.

◆ **GREAT EFFORT**: Richard Mayo with the Lloyds Bank Trophy for outstanding service to the Club

Club Commodore Steve Biddle thanked everyone for their service and commitment, pointing out that the various reports presented to the AGM showed that the Club was in great shape.

Over 700 members enjoy marvellous facilities to support their activities on the water, and the Club is proving to be a great asset in the local community. Wendy Cummins presented a certificate to the Club for raising over £1500 for the RNLI during the year.

The Commodore presented an inscribed Dartington glass jug on behalf of all members for Brian's excellent work over the years.

Richard Mayo was presented with the Lloyds Bank Trophy, awarded by the Commodore for his dedicated efforts in promoting activities on the water over the past eight years.

Brian Lavender, Noel Coplestone and David Mettam were all appointed Honorary Life Vice Presidents for rendering outstanding service to the Club.

More information about the Club can be found on the recently updated website www.axeyachtclub.co.uk.

New members are welcome and should contact the Membership Secretary, Nick Jolly, on 01297 35500 or by e-mail on: info@axeyachtclub.co.uk

football coronation cup final preview

Too close to call as pair clash again

NEXT Monday's (December 28th) Perry Street & District League Coronation Cup Final has a lot to live up to as PERRY STREET and SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP locks horns with silverware at stake for the second time this season *writes Howard Larcombe*.

The pair clashed back in October in the Chard Hospital Cup Final under the floodlights at Chard Town's Zembard Lane ground.

On that occasion a decent sized crowd saw Street hold the initiative as they led through a double from Man-of-the-Match Dan Collins.

But the 'Old Monsters' bared their teeth and battled back to force extra time with strikes from Kris Hastings and a Ben Pitman penalty.

And Aggie Smith's team clinched the win in the dying embers of the extra half-hour when George Pugson curled home a stunning shot from the corner of the penalty area.

Shepton are of course the current holders of the Coronation Cup having once again come from behind to beat Combe Reserves 6-3 in last season's final at Millwey Rise .

A win on Saturday will take them to just one behind record holders Lyme Regis' tally of nine.

The 'Mothers' will have other ideas as they look to get their name on the 63-year-old trophy for just the third time – the last occasion being way back in 1970-71 when they defeated Drimpton 2-0.

sailing lyme regis

Vander Borght at the double

AFTER two weeks when racing had to be cancelled due to gale force winds last Sunday's conditions were in direct contrast, force; 1 to 2 and slight sea state and unseasonably warm air temperatures.

Fourteen dinghies took part and all but two completed both races, which were races Five and Six of the Winter series.

Race officer Colin Walters had to restart race Five due to failure of the timing clock.

Jeff Vander Brourght in his K1 worked his way up through the fleet to win, closely followed by Jerry Rook and Chet Gillespie, then Hugh Duncan and Hilton Davis both in K1s.

Youth member Max Helston sailed his Laser Radial admirably to gain 5th place, beating Dan Alsop into 6th.

But in race Six, with the wind settling to a steady force 2, Dave Stubbs was a close contender as Vander Brourght held first place again.

First time on the water was Fraser Earle in his new Contender, a single hander where the helm also trapezes.

He did well to finish both races as he familiarised himself with a challenging dinghy.

◆ **FRASER Earle launches his Contender for the first time**

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LYME REGIS Results – December 14th: Axminster Inn 4 Old Inn Kilm 1, Stepps 4 Royal Oak 1, Lamb Swans 2 Nags Head 3, Beer Club 1 Talbot Arms 4, Gerrard Arms 2 Axminster Con Club 3, Ship Inn 4 New Inn Kilm 1.

Beer League; Axminster Inn 2 Old Inn Kilm 1, Stepps 0 Royal Oak 3, Lamb Swans 1 Nags Head 2, Beer Club 1 Talbot Arms 2, Gerrard Arms 1 Axminster Con Club 2, Ship Inn 1 New Inn Kilm 2.

League table	Pld	Pts
Gerrard Arms	13	41
Stepps	13	37
New Inn Kilm A	14	37
Nags Head	14	36
Lamb Swans	13	36
Royal Oak	14	36
Axminster Cons	13	34
Beer Club	14	34
Ship Inn	12	33
Old Inn Kilm	13	30
New Inn Kilm B	13	26
Axminster Inn	12	25
Talbot Arms	14	25

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Axminster Cons	13	24
Talbot Arms	14	23
Gerrard Arms	13	21
Lamb Swans	13	20
Nags Head	14	20
Stepps	13	18
Ship Inn LR	12	17
New Inn Kilm B	13	17
Old Inn Kilm	13	17
Axminster Inn	12	15
Beer Club	14	14

bowls

Friendly tied

HONITON men entertained the President of DEVON COUNTY INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION and his four-rink team of county bowlers last week.

The match ended in a friendly 66-66 draw, Honiton top rink; Barrie Singleton, Tony Williams, Jimmy Smith & Terry House 20-13.

In the one mixed friendly Honiton lost 56-65 to EXONIA 56-65, best winning triple; Di Hawkins, Ted Cox & Jimmy Smith 18-14.

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Sponsorship for Hippos

◆ **HIPPOS HIT THE ROOF**: Honiton-based *AMB Roofing & Building Services* have kindly sponsored the Town's football club with club polo shirts for the current season. The Club's first team, pictured with Aaron Baldrey from AMB Roofing, are going well on their return to the Devon & Exeter League Premier Division and currently sit in fourth place.

Rolling back the years

◆ SIDMOUTH's Ken Cartwright, fires a shot just wide in the first ever walking football friendly match against Axminster on the new 3G artificial pitch at Axe Valley Community College. The two teams fought out a fiercely contested 2-2 draw. For more information on walking football in the area see www.facebook.com/Axminster-Leisure-Centre

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